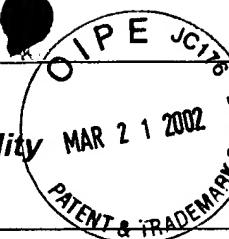


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Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed 11-23-01.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 11-13, 15-28, 49, 50, 56-60, 62-68 and 70-83.
- The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- * Certified copies not received: _____.
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(a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
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- A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
(b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 07 August 2000, which has been approved by the Examiner.
(c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back of each sheet). The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated 2/26/02, changes have been made to the drawings and formal drawings are being filed (attached). Two sheets of drawings are being submitted.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 12, 2002.

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The changes are required by the proposed drawing correction filed on August 7, 2000. In the corrected drawings, Figures 7, 10 and 11 have been corrected. These changes have been approved by the examiner.

The corrected Figures are attached which is now submitted to advance this case to issuance.

It is requested that should there be any problems with the drawings, the Official Draftsman call the undersigned Attorney at (845) 452-5863.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures